

Torrance, California
January 10, 1939

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a

Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, January 10, 1939 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held December 27, 1938 and of a Special Meeting held January 3, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read, signed by Bud Pankey, Don Phoenix, Gerald Day, age fourteen, and Red Ritchie, age fifteen, in which it was requested they be allowed to place two wires across Acacia Avenue. A sketch, together with detailed description, was submitted.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer and City Electrician be authorized to contact the young men for further details and if possible to grant their request. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition signed by fifteen property owners and accounting for twenty lots was read, requesting removal of all the eucalyptus trees on El Prado between Cravens Avenue and Manuel Avenue and the substitution of carob trees in their place.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the petition be filed for future reference. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Powell voting no.

A communication was read from Ed. Torrence, requesting a license for operation of a billiard and snooker parlor at 1211 El Prado Avenue, Torrance. The communication was signed by seven businessmen, recommending issuance of said license.

Mayor Tolson moved that the matter be referred to the Police Department and Police Commission for recommendation at the next regular meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A detailed plan for formation of a soft ball league, to be known as "South Bay Soft Ball League" was read, submitted by Dale Riley, Superintendent of Torrance Recreation Department.

Councilman Murray moved that the plans be approved. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting an appropriation of \$2,000.00 for maintenance and operation for the third quarter of the current fiscal year. A report covering past and proposed activities and a report of expenditures from July 1, 1938 to December 31, 1938 were attached.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, urging that reservations be made as soon as possible for the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce meeting to be held Thursday, January 12, 1939 in the Torrance Civic Auditorium. No action.

A communication was read from General Petroleum Corporation of California, enclosing check for \$265.35 in payment of 2% of gross receipts of General Petroleum Corporation for the use of Los Angeles County Franchise Ordinance No. 1501 within that

portion lying within the City of Torrance. Presented as a matter of record.

Communications were read from Charles A. Curtiss, Scott R. Ludlow and R.J. Deininger, all accepting appointments to serve on the City Planning Commission.

A communication was read from The American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, requesting 1939 fireworks permits for the following locations: Cabrillo and Carson Streets, Arlington Avenue and Torrance Boulevard and on property belonging to Frank Laski in South Torrance.

Councilman Murray moved that the request be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The National Business and Professional Women of Torrance, suggesting that one-third of the new Planning Commission be women. Mayor Tolson advised that inasmuch as the Planning Commission appointments had been made, no changes will be considered unless some of the appointments are rejected.

A communication was read from the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, together with Deed dated December 29, 1938 from Los Angeles City School District of Los Angeles County to the City of Torrance, conveying the Southerly 20 feet of Lot 42 in Block 2 of Subdivision of Lot 33, Meadow Park Tract, for alley purposes.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1228

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING DEED FROM LOS ANGELES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY COVERING THE SOUTHERLY 20 FEET OF LOT 42 IN BLOCK 2 OF SUBDIVISION OF LOT 33 OF MEADOW PARK TRACT.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1228 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:00 P.M., bids for coating of a reservoir tank at the pumping plant at Elm Street and Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, were opened in the following order:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Non-Corrosive Products Company 2016 Laura Avenue Huntington Park, California	\$ 2,750.00
Parker Engineering Company, Ltd. 4920 Loma Vista Avenue Los Angeles, California	2,998.80
Wailles Dove-Hermiston Corporation 2431 East 8th Street Los Angeles, California	3,153.00
Walter Feram Company 112 West Ninth Street Los Angeles, California	3,050.00 - Wailles Dove-Hermiston Corp. "Bitumastic"
	2,800.00 - The Barrett Co. Coal Tar Products, as an equal.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bids be referred to the City Engineer, City Attorney and Water Company Manager for checking and recommendation. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$433.43 be made for rock for street repair, Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$274.82 be made for road oil for street repair. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$133.92 be made for bitumuls for street repair. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock read the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Library held January 10, 1939.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of the Library Board for employment of a woman to dust the books and shelves in the library one-half day a week be granted; salary rate to conform to that being paid regular custodians, and said work to be under the supervision of Mrs. Jamieson, City Librarian.

Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the following requests of the Library Board be granted.

1. Door mat for Torrance Library.
2. 1 Pine door for Torrance Library.
3. 1 Book truck for janitor's use in Torrance Library.
4. Paint flag pole at Torrance Library.
5. Install lock on door between Library room and living quarters in Walteria Library.

Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock inquired what action had been taken regarding the heater for the Library which was authorized for purchase October 15, 1938. Clerk Bartlett stated he had received a number of estimates on different types of heaters.

Councilman Hitchcock asked Mr. Rippy, who was in the audience, if it would not be advisable to form a committee from the various industries and service clubs in the City to meet with a representative of the Metropolitan Water District, Mr. Rippy advised that the Metropolitan Water District would be glad to send a representative to explain all the technical details.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Water Company, be appointed Chairman of a committee to work along these lines with Mr. Rippy, Representative of the Metropolitan Water District Board; the committee to be comprised of delegates from the industries and service clubs of the City. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson asked for a report relative to the purchase of property in Walteria belonging to the P.S. Venable estate. Councilman McGuire advised he had nothing definite to report as yet.

Mayor Tolson referred the request of the Business and Professional Women of Torrance for a bulletin board to the Finance Committee for report at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Tolson asked for a report of the Lighting Committee regarding the request of KNX officials for a sodium vapor light on Hawthorne Boulevard near the Santa Fe Viaduct. Since Mr. Young, Acting City Engineer, was not present to make a report, the matter was referred over to the next meeting.

Mayor Tolson asked the City Attorney for a report as to the legality of appropriating \$10.00 per month to Waleria Recreation Center for recreation purposes. Attorney McCall stated that the matter had been delayed somewhat awaiting some decision on purchase of the P.S. Venable property. He pointed out that if the recreation center is/old to some one else, there will be no need for the appropriation, as there will be no place for holding programs.

Councilman Powell inquired whether or not the appropriation could be made by the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber to be reimbursed by the City, without raising any question as to the legality of the transaction. Attorney McCall advised that if it is handled as a regular Chamber of Commerce function, the legality will not be questioned.

Councilman Powell amended his motion of December 13, 1938 as follows:

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$10.00 per month be authorized for payment to the Waleria Recreation Center until June 30, 1939, provided a hall is available for recreational programs, said appropriation to be paid through the Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce to be reimbursed by the City. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$69.50 be made for purchase of a Mission Bell radio, to be installed in the Oldsmobile used by Director of Public Safety Stroh. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:34 P.M., up on motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to January 17, 1939.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance